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## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NAMES TODD SPITZER TAXPAYER WATCHDOG OF THE YEAR ALSO ANNOUNCES PUBLICATIONS OF THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

**February 13, 2019** — Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric H. Woolery, CPA, today named District Attorney Todd Spitzer Orange County's Taxpayer Watchdog of the Year for 2018. Mr. Spitzer was presented the award for his ongoing commitment to promoting government transparency and for his dedication to the protection of the taxpayer. The award was presented at today's OCTax Annual Member's Luncheon where Auditor-Controller Woolery spoke on 'The Financial State of the County' alongside the District Attorney.

"I am pleased to present this year's Taxpayer Watchdog of the Year to District Attorney Todd Spitzer in honor of his leadership, support of the Taxpayer Watchdog program, and support of our department from his time as a County Supervisor to now as he embarks on this journey as District Attorney," said Eric Woolery.



OC Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery and District Attorney Todd Spitzer at today's OCTax Luncheon

Also at today's lunch, Auditor-Controller Woolery announced the publication of the <u>Annual Comprehensive Accounting Financial Report (CAFR)</u> and its accompanying <u>Citizen's Report</u>. This year's report highlighted the District Attorney's office with the theme of "Justice".

The Comprehensive Accounting Financial Report (CAFR) is the audited financial statement for the County's prior fiscal year. It is designed to fairly present the financial position as well as changes in the financial position of the County. Every year the Auditor-Controller releases the CAFR for the prior fiscal year ending June 30. The document is prepared in accordance with Sections 25250 and 25253 of the Government Code of the State of California, and must be released no later than December 31. An outside auditing firm is retained to audit the report.

In addition to the CAFR, the Auditor-Controller prepares a common language Citizens' Financial Report, also known as the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), which summarizes key aspects of the CAFR in layman's terms. In addition, we seek input from community groups and leaders to target information that they believe may be of particular interest to the public.

To learn more about the CAFR and the PAFR, please visit www.ac.ocgov.com and click on Reports.

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